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Season's Greetings



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Speed Skating Association Establishes Olin Awards

A Youth Speed Skating Award System has been established by the Alberta Amateur Speed Skating Association for the purpose of giving recognition for ability in this sport. Awards may be made to children between 11 and 17 years of age who are able to qualify by equalling or bettering the established standards.

The system is not set up to primarily recognize a brilliant skater who will be able, at least in the lower class, to qualify quite easily, but rather to nurture the mass of potential average skaters into improving their abilities, maintaining their interest, and transforming them into solid competitors.

The following is a list of the awards in the order in which they must be won: iron, bronze, silver, advanced silver, gold, advanced gold.

Here are the rules:

1. The Awards are distributed by the Awards Committee of the Alberta Amateur Speed Skating Association.
2. A skater may qualify for only two awards during a winter season.
3. A skater may advance to his or her own age group in one winter season. For example, a boy starting speed skating at fourteen years of age may in his first winter season attempt to qualify for the iron, bronze, silver and advanced silver awards but this must be done in order of progression. The Awards Committee must be notified of every successful test in such a case.
4. At least two stop-watches must be used in timing the contestants and the timers must be over twenty-one years of age.
5. Awards must be qualified for under the time trial system. No pace setters are to be used.
6. The awards should be worn on the left sleeve of the skater's sweater.

Full details of the award system may be obtained from Secretary, Alberta Amateur Speed Skating Association, 10752-79 Avenue, Edmonton.

Camping Seminar At Banff School During January

The annual Alberta Camping Association Seminar will be held at the Banff School of Fine Arts January 23, 24, 25, and 26, 1963. The Seminar is sponsored



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by the Alberta Camping Association in co-operation with the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch of the Government of Alberta.

This year the Alberta Camping Association will be host to the Canadian Camping Association. The theme of this year's seminar will be "Programing and Program Typing". Theme speakers will be Professor and Mrs. Lorne E. Brown. Mr. Brown is a professor in the Faculty and College of Education at the U. of B.C., a past president of the B.C. Camping Association; chairman of the Uni-

versity Committee on Camping and Outdoor Education. Mrs. May Brown has professional training in various phases of recreation and group work with wide experience in camping, specializing in swimming and waterfront activities.

The Seminar is planned to assist those concerned with the top level administration of camps in the West. Directors, Camp Committee members, and Camp Program Directors are invited to attend. For more information please contact Miss Eleanor Logan, 12840-109 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta.

CALGARY TO BE HOST FOR 1963 ALBERTACRAFT

The Arts and Crafts Division, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Department of the Provincial Secretary, has announced that Albertacraft '63 will be held in the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, Calgary, Alberta, June 19-26, 1963.

The aim of Albertacraft '63, as with past Albertacraft Exhibitions, will be to benefit the arts and crafts people throughout Alberta and the rest of Canada, by giving them the opportunity to exchange ideas and techniques with artists and craftsmen of other communities and provinces. Such an exchange of ideas is essential and the Alberta Government for the past ten years has sponsored a growing and developing Albertacraft Exhibition in recognition of this need.

The quality of Albertacraft Exhibitions has been improving each year and Albertacraft '63 should be the best exhibition to date. The viewing public is fast becoming aware of the progress that has been made in the different arts and crafts fields and the Branch looks forward to presenting to them an exhibition of the highest possible quality and with as much variety as possible. The Branch is anxious to encourage entries in those fields such as, for example, sculpture, architectural decoration and photography, which have played only minor roles in the past, with little representation.

By holding Albertacraft '63 in Calgary, Alberta, it is hoped that students, artists, craftsmen and organizations living in southern Alberta and who have hesitated to send work and entries to Edmonton, will take advantage of this year's exhibition.

This exhibition can be of great value to the exhibiting artist and craftsman, but, at the same time, will only be what the artists and craftsmen of this province and the rest of Canada attempt to make of it and will be as interesting as the entries submitted.

Communities, craft centres, organizations and individuals are requested to think and prepare for this exhibition well in advance.

To maintain the standard of excellence it will be necessary, as in previous years, to judge all entries first as to whether or not they will be accepted for exhibition. Originality and craftsmanship will be stressed more than ever before. Each applicant's level of development will be taken into consideration during judging.

Information and application forms can be obtained by writing to, or contacting, the

Arts and Crafts Division,
Recreation and Cultural Development Branch,
Room 424, Legislative Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.

TEACHERS ATTEND LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL AS STUDENT BODY

On November 23 and 24 the Music Division conducted its first piano workshop in Lethbridge for Division I and II school teachers. As a result of many requests the course was offered as an experiment to find if enough could be offered to teachers in about ten hours to make the effort worthwhile. The students were restricted to elementary school teachers with little or no knowledge of music. These were people who, realizing the value of music in the elementary grades, wished to further their command of the keyboard in order to teach better and feel more confident in their use of the piano. These were teachers who, appreciating the potentialities of the piano in classroom situations, desired training in this difficult art and were prepared to give of their own time and money to take the opportunity to learn. A maximum number of 24 students were accepted.

Dr. F. E. Churchley, Associate Professor of Music and Education at the University of Alberta, Calgary acted as consultant. Dr. Churchley, a graduate of Toronto and Columbia Universities, has had extensive experience in teaching such classes. He was an associate of Dr. Robert Pace the foremost American exponent of group piano teaching, and has introduced a similar class into the curriculums of the B.Mus. and B.Ed. degrees at the University of Alberta, Calgary.

From the outset Dr. Churchley treated the class as if they had no knowledge of the piano. For part of the course he demonstrated how these teacher-students should use the piano in their own classes. Using tunes from the books used by the teachers he taught them how to provide accompaniments of basic chords in different keys.

No one expected that the students would emerge from such a short course completely competent to use the piano in all class situations. Nevertheless, students were unanimous in their appreciation of Dr. Churchley's ability to simplify problems which hitherto had prevented many of them using the piano in a role for which it is uniquely suited. Evaluation of the course is proceeding and the results will determine whether or not extension of this course will be a worthwhile aim.

November Meeting of Board



At a recent meeting of the Recreation and Cultural Development Board, representatives from widely separated Alberta locations attended. Shown left to right are R. Rathie, Calgary; Syd Moore, Edmonton; Chairman J. Wright, Edmonton; J. Riddel, Edmonton, and Mrs. R. Wilson, Grande Prairie.

PROVINCIAL ATHLETIC AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD ELECTS ITS FIRST CHAIRMAN



A chairman for the Provincial Athletics and Outdoor Education Advisory Board was chosen at the recent first meeting of that group. Named to head the organization was S. Bird of Edmonton. Shown left to right in the above photo are: Mrs. P. Borgal, Calgary; W. Kaasa, Director of Recreation and Cultural Development; J. Maybell, Calgary; Mr. Bird; J. Riddel; Dr. M. L. Van Vliet, Edmonton; and C. Burlingham, Stettler.

1963 Recreation Leadership School To be Held at Camrose July 7-Aug. 3

The 26th annual Recreation Leadership School will be held at Camrose from July 7 to August 3, 1963.

The school, sponsored by the Alberta Department of Recreation and Cultural Development, is expected to accommo-

date 140 students from all parts of the province.

Again next year the dormitory facilities of the Camrose Lutheran College will be used in conjunction with class rooms of Camrose Junior High School.

Recreation and Cultural Development Branch officials report another roster of top rated instructors will be retained for the school.

Deadline dates for attendance at the 1963 school has been set for May 1, 1963 and it is suggested preliminary work for those intending to apply should be done within the next few weeks.

Full details as to the courses being offered and the staff members will be supplied in the next issue of Recreation News.

Forms Sent To Libraries For Grants

The secretaries of all public library boards in the Province are reminded that the necessary forms to enable them to apply for financial aid have been dispatched and should be in their hands now.

The last date on which grant applications may be received is **JANUARY 31, 1963**. Applications received after that date may not be considered.

Secretaries are advised to complete their application forms as early as pos-

sible in January, 1963, and send them, with all supporting vouchers, where applicable, to:

The Supervisor of Public Libraries,
Recreation and Cultural Development Branch,
Department of the Provincial Secretary,
Room 424, Legislative Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Copies of the annual report form were also sent with grant application forms and it is requested that these be completed and returned to The Supervisor at the same time as the library grant is claimed, i.e., before **January 31, 1963**.

The co-operation of all library boards is sought in both these cases, so that

GRANDE PRAIRIE BAND DIRECTOR RECEIVES AWARD

Mr. Martin Intscher, director of the Grande Prairie school and community bands, has been awarded the diploma, Licentiate of the Canadian Bandmasters' Association. Mr. Intscher was examined in all phases of band conducting, scoring, theory, etc., and is the first Albertan bandmaster to attain this qualification.

the task of distributing grants can be made as early as possible.